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Enclosed please find a response to the Office Action mailed January 7, 2003 in regards to the above referenced application.

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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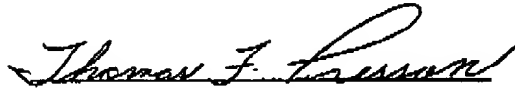
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In response to the Office Action mailed January 7, 2003 having a
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